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SUBJECT: IRAQ: TOKYO DONORS' MEETING

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¶1. (SBU) We delivered ref a demarche September 22 (and followed up October 3), urging the UAEG to attend the Tokyo donors meeting on Iraq and to disburse their Madrid pledge as quickly as possible, to MFA U/S Abdullah Rashid Al-Noaimi. Al-Noaimi said that the UAEG had received Japan's invitation to attend the conference and that it viewed Iraqi reconstruction as a high priority. He said that the UAEG would send someone to represent it at the conference, but that it had not yet decided who.
(Note: On October 3, MFA told polchief that the UAEG had not decided who would represent the UAE. End note)

¶2. (SBU) In February, Al-Noaimi had said that the UAEG had disbursed its \$215 million Madrid pledge in humanitarian assistance and by purchasing generators for the Iraqis. Econchief followed up with MFA Assistant U/S for International Cooperation Mohammed Abdul Jaleel, on September 27, to find out the disposition of the generators, since -- to the best of our knowledge -- they have not been delivered to Iraq, due to a lack of funds to transport and install them. Abdul Jaleel promised to check on the disposition of the generators. He added that these should be delivered to Iraq, since they were not doing anyone any good in the UAE. He also said that he believed that UAE had already exceeded its Madrid pledge in providing assistance to Iraq.

¶3. (SBU) Comment: The UAEG continues to provide the Iraqis with generous levels of assistance, but via several sources (military, humanitarian, funding training provided by other countries, "private" gifts by ruling family members, etc.). Although we have reported extensively on UAE assistance to Iraq,

our ability to estimate "dollar figures" has been hampered by both the wide-ranging nature of the assistance and by the UAEG's unwillingness/inability to provide comprehensive statistics. In May 2004, the UAE Embassy provided the Department with a chart showing approximately \$32 million in UAE Red Crescent humanitarian assistance to Iraq. This is the only detailed breakdown of assistance that the UAEG has provided. End Comment

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